

## eCustoms Helpdesk Notification

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Subject:	Changes to the process for closing T2 (Union) transit declarations on arrival in France
Who should read:	All traders that move Union goods from Ireland to France under the T2 (Union) transit procedure
Related Notification:	None
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Changes have been made to the French IT systems to allow for the closure of the T2 (Union) transit procedure at the Ports of Calais and Dunkerque in certain circumstances. **Please note that this is an optional procedure for traders that wish to discharge the transit procedure on arrival in France at the locations outlined in this notice.** Traders may continue to discharge the transit procedure at inland Offices of Destination or at an Authorised Consignee Premises if this suits their business model.

If you choose to discharge the transit procedure at the Port of Calais (ferry and Eurotunnel arrivals) or Dunkerque Port, please be advised that the **transit declaration must contain the following information** so that it can be identified in the French smart border system (SI Brexit):

- the Office of Departure must be an Irish office (Europa code starting with IE);
- the Office of Transit (on entry into the UK) must be specified;
- the Office of Transit i.e. the French customs office of re-entry into the customs territory of the Union, must be one of the two control offices at the border in Hauts-de-France and linked to SI Brexit:
  - o Calais port/tunnel (FR620001) or
  - o Dunkerque ferry (FR590002)
- the Office of Destination must be one of the two main offices, linked to the above control offices:
  - o Calais (FR000740) or
  - o Dunkerque port (FR001260)
- the Office of Transit and Office of Destination in France must match i.e. if Calais port/tunnel (FR620001) is listed as the Office of Transit then Calais (FR000740) must be used as the Office of Destination. Similarly, if Dunkerque Ferry (FR590002) is included as the Office of Transit then Dunkerque Port (FR001260) must be used as the Office of Destination.

### **Use of the French smart border system (SI Brexit)**

There are no changes to the current requirements to use the French smart border system (SI Brexit) i.e. when registering the vehicle for a Channel crossing, the vehicle driver must present the accompanying T2 transit declaration, previously lodged in Ireland, so that it can be matched to the vehicle's number plates and processed by the smart border system.

### **Processing the T2 transit declaration on arrival in Calais or Dunkerque**

On disembarkation, the vehicles concerned will **be given an orange lane routing and must proceed to the car park of the customs office. Please note that this is a change to the current procedure.** The control office staff will complete both the Office of Transit and Office of Destination formalities on a 24/7 basis. The transit declaration will then be discharged and the driver can leave the facility.

Priority will be given to this movement type where possible so as not to delay the flow of traffic from Ireland. Consequently, you are advised to check the routing for your vehicle at disembarkation and follow the instructions therein as you may need to present your paperwork at the Customs Office.